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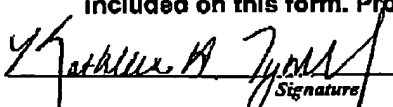
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Applicant(s): Laurencin et al.					
Application No. 09/878,641	Filing Date June 11, 2001	Examiner Chattopadhyay, Urmi	Customer No. 26259	Group Art Unit 3738	Confirmation No. 2890
Invention: Ligament Replacement Constructs and Methods for Production and Use Thereof					
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Dear Sir:

Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is a reply to the Office Action dated October 5,
2004 setting a three (3) month statutory period for
response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks
into the record.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.